Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Jeannette Noel was born on November 6, 1918, to Albert and Grace Noel at Huron, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Jeannette graduated from Highmore High School, received her Bachelor's degree from Huron College, and spent her first years as an educator with the Parkston and Pierpont High Schools; and,

Whereas, Jeannette met Melvin E. Beemer during their college days, and in anticipation of Mel being drafted, were united in marriage on April 4, 1942, giving life and love to six children: Joel, Jack, Diane, Douglas, Kathryn, and Suzy, and their lives were further blessed with 14 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Jeannette cared for her children at the same time she was actively involved with Mel in the family businesses: Beemer Clothing at Lake Andes and the Derby Café at Chamberlain; and,

Whereas, In 1968, the Beemers moved to Pierre, and Jeannette entered the field of education again as an elementary music teacher and director of the music department for the Pierre school system, retiring in 1982; and,

Whereas, Jeannette has given generously of her time and talents to the First Congregational United Church of Christ as a choir director, deaconess, and archivist; to her community and state serving as a member, board member, officer, or volunteer to organizations and boards too numerous to name; and to her family and friends as she strives to keep herself mentally and physically active through family and social engagements, swimming, playing bridge, and traveling; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as governor to recognize Jeannette as one of South Dakota's outstanding citizens as her family and friends gather to honor her on November 8, 2008, in celebration of her 90th Birthday:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim November 6, 2008, as

JEANNETTE BEEMER DAY

in South Dakota, and I join in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirtieth Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State